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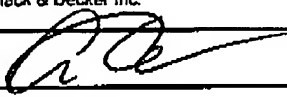
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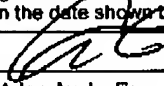
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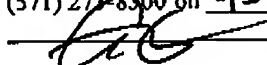
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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated February 2, 2007, Applicant gratefully notes the allowance of Claims 1, 3 and 5-25 in the present application. While Applicant believes that the claims are allowable, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides solely in each identified feature or combination of features, exactly as expressed in the claims, or that each feature or combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any of the recited features are outside the scope of the claims.

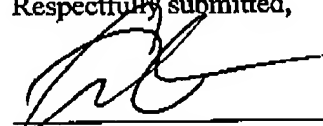
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Moreover, to the extent the Reasons For Allowance do not separately address the subject matter of all of the claims, Applicant does not acquiesce to any inference that these claims do not present patentable subject independent of the combination recited by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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